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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing you to inform you of my opinion in regards to the Microsoft settlement issue. I support the settlement that was reached in November. This settlement will end three years of costly litigation and will give our economy the boost it needs. Please support this settlement so Microsoft can get back to business.

This settlement contains many provisions that will benefit the technology industry and companies attempting to compete with Microsoft. Under this agreement, Microsoft has agreed to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows. Microsoft has also agreed to share more information with other companies, such as various internal interfaces within Windows and any protocols implemented in Windows. Microsoft is more than willing to carry out all these provisions if it delivers a resolution to this dispute.

Again, I urge you to support this settlement so our resources can be funneled into more important issues. Thank you for your support.

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